

***What Is Claimed Is:***

1. An axle driving system wherein a tubular reservoir tank is mounted to stand on an upper face of an upper wall face of a housing that houses a hydrostatic transmission (hereafter referred to as HST) including a hydraulic pump and a hydraulic motor and said reservoir tank communicates with an oil reservoir within said housing.

2. An axle driving system according to claim 1, wherein said housing is partitioned into a first room, housing said HST and a second room, housing an axle and a gear train for transmitting power from said hydraulic motor to said axle, both said rooms communicate with each other such that oil with which both said rooms are filled can circulate between both said rooms, and said reservoir tank is disposed on said second room.

3. An axle driving system according to claim 2, wherein a filter member for removing impurities included in oil passing through a communicating position connecting said first room and said second room is disposed in said communicating position.

4. An axle driving system according to claim 3, wherein said filter member is formed of a magnet.

5. An axle driving system wherein a closed circuit is formed by providing an oil path to a center section to which a hydraulic pump and a hydraulic motor in an HST are mounted, an oil hole opening at said center section for supplying hydraulic oil to said closed circuit is connected to an oil filter disposed in an oil reservoir, and a magnet is disposed in said oil reservoir in a vicinity of said oil filter.

6. An axle driving system according to claim 5, wherein said magnet is disposed such that said magnet acts on said hydraulic oil after passing through said oil filter and before entering said oil hole.

5 7. A mower tractor comprising:  
a chute for mowed lawn;  
a transmission belt disposed on one lateral side of said chute; and  
a reservoir disposed on the other lateral side of said chute opposite to said transmission belt.

10 8. A mower tractor comprising:  
an axle driving apparatus;  
a housing for said axle driving apparatus;  
a chute for mowed lawn; and  
a reservoir disposed sidewise from said chute so as to avoid abutting against said chute.

15 9. A mower tractor comprising:  
an engine having an engine output pulley;  
an axle driving apparatus having an input pulley disposed in one of front and rear of said engine output pulley;  
an idler pulley for said axle driving apparatus disposed in the other  
20 of front and rear of said engine output pulley;  
a belt looped over said engine output pulley, said input pulley and said idler pulley, wherein said belt is disposed on one lateral side of said input pulley; and  
a reservoir disposed on the other lateral side of said input pulley  
25 opposite to said belt.